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1. In December 1951, Voice of America broadcasts could not be heard in Riga, Latvian SSR, because of Soviet jamming. As in other countries, it is found that the jamming is less effective in rural as opposed to urban districts.

2. In February 1952, foreign broadcasts in the Estonian language were impossible to hear in Tartu and Tallinn, Estonian SSR, because of Soviet jamming.
3. It is possible that Western broadcasts in English and German can be heard in Estonia because rumors circulate in Estonian patriotic circles about the coming war giving foreign broadcasts as the source. In addition, illegal pamphlets are printed and disseminated in Estonia, using as material the reports from Western broadcasts in English and German.
4. Although there is no prohibition against listening to foreign broadcasts, the authorities prosecute those who spread rumors and punish them for being guilty of disseminating war propaganda. For this reason, members of Estonian patriotic circles are extremely circumspect in passing on any information emanating from foreign broadcasts.

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